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WIRE DRAG

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

WIRE DRAG

Field No. PBS-2247 Office No. H-7177 W.D.

LOCALITY

VIRGINIA

General locality CHESAPEAKE BAY, HAMPTON ROADS

Locality THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL

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CHIEF OF PARTY

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

REGISTER No. H-7177 WD

Field No. PBS-2247

State Virginia	~
General locality Hampton Roads, Chesapeake Bay	V
Locality Thimble Shoal Channel	V
Scale 1:20,000 Date of survey 31 March 1947 to 13 May	1947
Instructions dated 24 July 1946 and 27 March 1947 (CS-326)	
Vessel PARKER, BOWEN, STIRNI	
Chief of party Ralph L. Pfau	~
Surveyed by Ralph L. Pfau, M.A. Hecht, H.L. Proffitt	~
Soundings taken by fathometer, graphic recorder, hand lead, wire	L
Fathograms scaled by	
Fathograms checked by	
Protracted byA. Kaupa	∠
Soundings penciled by A. Maupa	~
Soundings in fathoms <u>feet</u> at <u>MLW</u> MLLW	L
REMARKS: Fath. Sdgs. taken with NJ-9 Graphic Recorder.	
This sheet was processed in the Hydrographic Section of the S.E. Distric	,t
at Norfolk, Va.	

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY WIRE DRAG SURVEY FIELD SHEET No. PBS-2247

H-7177 WD

PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI

Lt. Comdr Ralph L. Pfau, Comdg.

SUTHORITY

This survey was executed in compliance with Instructions for Project CS-326 dated 24 July 1947 and instructions from the Supervisor Southeast District by telephone on 27 March 1947.

DATE OF SURVEY

Field work was begun on 31 March 1947, and ended on 13 May 1947.

SCOPE

This survey was made for the purpose of locating a railroad boxcar that had fallen off the Cape Charles-Little Creek car ferry. An extensive area was dragged just north of Thimble Shoal Channel extending between channel buoys 1 and 5 and about two miles in width. The boxcar was not found however, four obstructions were found and three of these were investigated by a diver furnished by the U. S. Engineers.

CONTROL

Natural objects previously located by triangulation or topography were used for control.

SURVEY METHODS

Standard dual control methods were used, drag strips being controlled by three point shore fixes. Lifts were determined by tests made by the tender using a graduated rod coated with a mixture of white lead and oil.

The PARKER was used as the guide launch, the BOWEN as the end launch and the STIRNI or line handling launch # 121 as the tender throughout this entire survey.

Assistance was rendered by the U. S. Engineers in marking the obstructions found so that they could be investigated by a diver. A marker buoy wasdropped on the obstructions and the diver went down on the lines. Storms and strong currents hampered diving operations to a considerable extent, therefore, a great deal of time was consumed in making these investigations.

RECORDS

Tide Reducers and lift were entered to 0.5 feet and the diagrams drawn in the record in the record books show effective depths to the next lowest integral foot.

Lift, tide reducers, effective depths and diagrams have been checked.

Drag strips were plotted on the boat sheet using predicted tides. The diagrams in the record books were drawn using actual tides furnished by the Washington Office, therefore, the effective depths will differ in some cases. All reference to effective depths unless specified otherwise are those shown in the record books.

TIDES

No tide gage was maintained by this party. For the preliminary tidal reduction and for drag settings predicted tides corrected for tidal differences for Hampton Roads, Virginia were used. Final values of reducers were furnished upon request by the Washington Office.

OBSTRUCTIONS, CLEARANCES, DISCREPANCIES, ETS.

A special report on this survey has been submitted to the Washington Office. A copy is attached hereto and becomes a part of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

-L. 337 (1947)

No additional work is recommended and the charting depths are recommended in the special report referred to above. Some hydrographic 35 development was done to determine the extensiveness of the 34 foot sounding which was not investigated by the diver. It is apparently an obstruction of very small size. It is recommended that this hydrography be considered of a reconnaissance nature only, as the NJ-9 fathometer Concur used is not considered satisfactory for hydrographic surveying. Bar checks were made and all records, fathograms and bar checks will be furnished the processing office. (not plotted on smooth sheet)

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice A. Hecht

Lt. Comdr. USC&GS

Approved and forwarded,

Ralph L. Pfau

Lt. Comdr. USE&GS

418 Post Office Building, Norfolk, Va.

22 May, 1947

To:

The Director

U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

Washington, D.C.

Subject:

Special Report, Wire drag for the location of a

Boxcar, south of Thimble Shoal Channel

Reference:

Letter from Supervisor S.E. District to The

Director, Dated 31 March, 1947.

Enclosure:

(A) Obstruction Data Sheet.

- 1. At the request of the District Supervisor, this party made an extensive wire drag investigation of an area south of Thimble Shoal Channel extending approximately between Channel Buoys Nos. 1 & 5, in an effort to locate a railroad boxcar that had fallen off the Cape Charles-Little Creek Car Ferry. Four obstructions were found, three of which were investigated by a diver furnished by the U.S. Engineers. The boxcar was not found, and it is felt that the fourth obstruction could not be the boxcar. Since, when last seen the boxcar was still floating, it is possible that it did not sink but floated seaward on the ebb current that was flowing at that time. For information on the obstructions found, see enclosure (A).
- 2. It is considered that this operation is complete, with the exception of a possible call for assistance from the Navy or the U.S. Engineering Department in recovering the sunken LCVP. A marker buoy has been left on this obstruction.

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Ralph L. Pfau Chief of Party

CC; Supervisor S.E. District

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LIST OF SIGNALS FOR SHEET (FIELD # PBS 2247) LOWER CHESAPRAKE BAY - LYNNHAVEN ROADS

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Triangulation Stations

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SHIPS PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI STATISTICS FOR SHEET (FIELD NO. P.B.S. 2247)
LOWER CHESAPEAKE BAY - LYNNHAVEN ROADS
PROJECT NO. CS-326

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ADDENDUM

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-7177 WD (Field No. PBS 2247)

NOTE: Corrections to depths and distances in the preceeding portion of this report are shown in red ink.

HYDROGRAPHY: The hydrography which accompanied this survey was not plotted, in accordance with the recommendation by the hydrographer contained in the last paragraph of this report (See page #2).

Respectfully submitted,

Isadore M. Zestand Cartographic Engineer

Norfolk, Va. September 4, 1947

Approved and Forwarded

George L. Anderson

Supervisor Southeastern District

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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19 Sept. 1947

Division of Charts:

H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in volumes of soundings approved set WIRE DRAG RECORDS FOR

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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Locality - Lower Chesapeake Bay - Lynnhaven Roads, Virginia.

Chief of Party: R. L. Pfau in 1947
Plane of reference is Mean low water, reading
3.6 ft. on tide staff at N. O. B., Norfolk
13.4 ft. below B. M. 6 (1927)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.6 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E.C. McKay

Section
Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-7177 W.D.

FIELD NO. PBS-2247

Virginia, Hampton Roads, Thimble Shoal Channel
Surveyed in March - May 1947 Scale 1:20,000
Project No. CS-326

Soundings:

Control:

Hand lead

Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - R. L. Pfau
Surveyed by - R. L. Pfau, M. A. Hecht and H. L. Proffitt
Protracted by - A. Kaupa
Soundings plotted by - A. Kaupa
Verified and inked by - T. A. Dinsmore
Reviewed by - T. A. Dinsmore, October 14, 1947
Inspected by - R. H. Carstens

1. Shoreline and Signals

The shoreline and signals are from topographic quadrangles T-8301 and T-8302 of 1942-44 and T-6820 of 1941. Signal STACK is from Chart Letter 453, 1944.

2. Adjoining Surveys

In the vicinity of lat. 36° 55.9', long. 76° 04.9', a small overlap occurs between a detached investigation on H-7028 W.D. (1944-45) and the present survey. In the overlapped area, effective drag depths on H-7028 W.D. are slightly greater than on the present survey. No conflicts are noted between the two surveys.

No other wire-drag surveys adjoin this special project.

3. Comparison with Contemporary Surveys

H-7089 (1946) 1:10,000 and H-7090 (1946) 1:20,000

Present effective drag depths are in harmony with the soundings on H-7089 (1946) and H-7090 (1946) which cover the area west of long. 76° 05.50°

There are no contemporary surveys in the eastern portion of the present survey.

4. Comparison with Chart 481 (Latest print date 3/31/47)

A. Hydrography

Charted depths are in harmony with the effective drag depths of the present survey.

Obstructions and clearance depths have been applied to the chart by hand correction from advance information furnished in Chart Letter 337, 1947.

B. Aids to Navigation

Spar buoy "64-N", located on the present survey at lat. 63° 57.21', long. 76° 07.37', falls about 270 meters southwestward from its charted position. This buoy marks the line of demarcation between two adjacent anchorage areas. No other aids to navigation fall within the area of the present survey.

5. Condition of Survey

- A. The field records and Descriptive Report are complete and comprehensive.
- B. The smooth plotting is neat and carefully executed.
- C. Obstructions found on the present survey are as follows:
 - (1) A 25-ft. sounding was obtained on an obstruction at lat. 36° 57.86', long. 76° 07.20' in general depths of 32 feet. Identified as a sunken Navy LCVP, the obstruction has been subsequently removed (Chart Letter 480, 1947) and should therefore be disregarded.
 - (2) A 35-ft. sounding falling in 38-ft. depths was obtained at lat. 36° 57.64', long. 76° 05.15'.

 The immediate vicinity was covered by a system of closely-spaced fathometer sounding lines which failed to disclose any additional shoal soundings. The apparent obstruction should be charted with a clearance depth of 32 feet.
 - (3) A 29-ft. grounding (not plotted) occurring in charted 39-ft. depths at lat. 36° 57.32', long. 76° 04.90' should be disregarded. The obstruction, upon removal by the U. S. Engineers, was found to be a 16-ft. piece of straight angle iron. The spot was subsequently cleared by 33 feet.

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- (4) A 34-ft. grounding was obtained on an obstruction at lat. 36° 57.55', long. 76° 04.52' in depths of 37 feet. Identified as an old hulk, the obstruction was cleared by 31 feet.
- D. Hydrographic development, supplementing the wire-drag operation on this survey, was not smooth plotted for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Descriptive Report.
- 6. Compliance with Project Instructions

The present survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

7. Additional Field Work Recommended

No additional field work is recommended.

Examined and approved:

I. E. Rittenburg Chief, Neutical Chart Branch

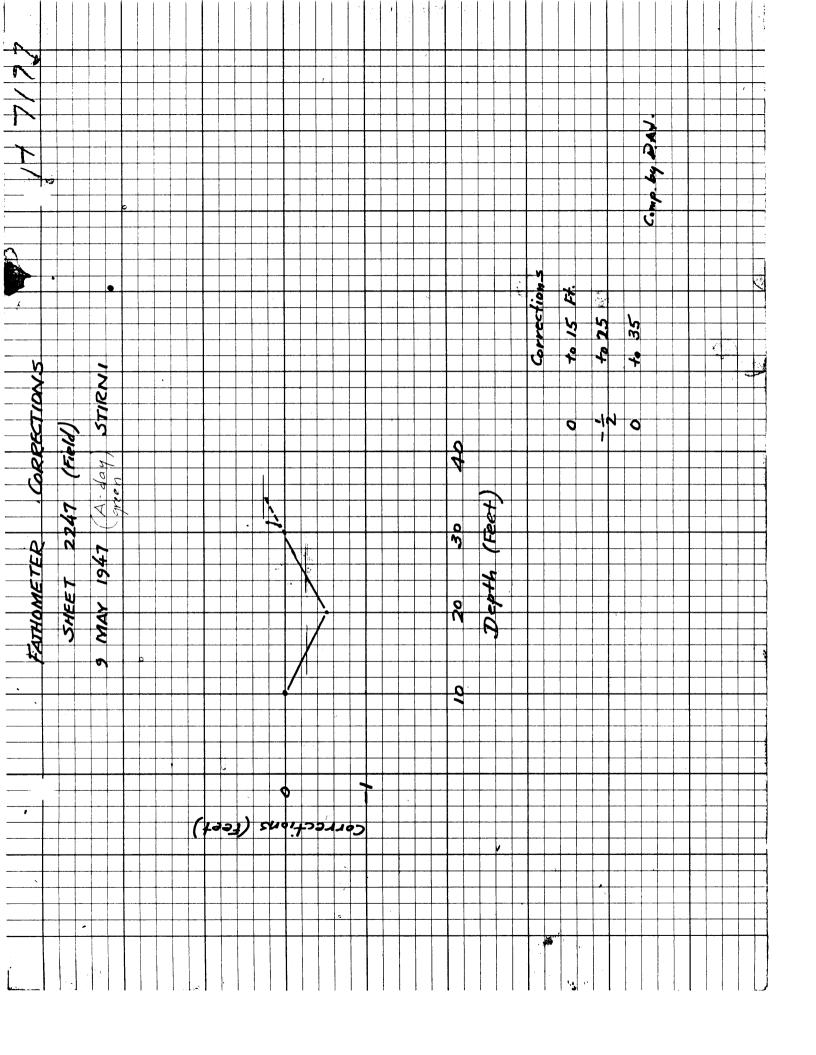
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NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

SURVEY NO. 17177 W.D.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey WIRE DRAG

Field No. PBS-WD-2248 Office No. H-7177 Add.Wk.

LOCALITY

VIRGINIA

General locality CHESAPEAKE BAY

Locality OFF ENTRANCE TO LITTLE CREEK

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CHIEF OF PARTY

A.C.THORSON

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DATE January 17, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

REGISTER No. H-7177add

Field No. PBS-WD-2248

State	Virginia	
General locality		
	Little Creek	
Scale 1,20,000	Date of survey 1 July thru 15 August	1948
Instructions dated	5 March 1948 and 25 June 1948	
Vessel	PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI	
Chief of party	A.C. Thorson	
Surveyed by	A.C. Thorson	
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY

WIRE DRAG SURVEY FIELD SHEET No. PBS-WD-2248

PARKER. BOWEN & STIRNI

Lt. Comdr. A.C. Thorson, Comdg.

AUTHORITY

This survey was executed in sompliance with instructions for Project CS-326, dated 5 March and supplemental instructions dated 23 June 1948.

DATE OF SURVEY

Field work on this sheet commenced 1 July 1948 and was completed on 13 August 1948.

SCOPE

This survey was made in order to locate and determine the least depth over a reported obstruction in Latitude 36° 57°.10", Longitude 76° 10°.03".

Additional work was necessary as the drag hung on other uncharted obstructions.

CONTROL

Objects ashore located by triangulation, topographic, or sextant cuts were used to control this survey.

SURVEY METHODS

Standard dual control methods were used, drag strips being controlled by three point fixes observed with sextants on shore objects. Tests for lift were made by the tender using a graduated lead filled pipe attached to graduated airplane cord. The pipe was coated with a mixture of white lead and oil just prior to each test in order to accurately determine point of contact with ground wire.

The Ship PARKER was used as the Guide Vessel, the Ship BOWEN as the End Vessel and the Ship STIRNI as the Tender.

RECORDS

Tide reducers and lifts have been entered to the nearest 0.5 foot and checked. Diagrams drawn in the record book indicate effective depth of nearest 0.5 foot.

Drag settings were based on predicted tides for Hampton Roads, Virginia. Actual tides used in the completion of smooth records were furnished upon request by the Washington Office. All references to effective depths unless otherwise specified are those shown in the record books.

TIDES

Tide gauges were not maintained by this party. Drag settings were based on predicted tides for Hampton Roads, Virginia and tidal reducers entered in record books were based on actual tidal data furnished upon request by the Washington Office.

OBSTRUCTIONS, CLEARANCES, DISCREPANCIES, ETC.

Special reports relative to this survey were submitted to the Director during the progress of the survey and copies of these reports were forwarded to the Supervisor S.E. District. Copies of these reports are attached hereto and become a part of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No additional work in this area is recommended. The charting depths are those listed on the Obstruction Data Sheet. No obstruction was found in the reported position.

The eastern portion of this area is reported to have previously been used as a dumping ground.

A. C. Thorson, Lt. Comdr. Comdg. PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI

OBSTRUCTION DATA SHEET

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STATISTICS FOR SHEET NO. (PBS-WD-2248 Ships PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI PROJECT CS-326

OFF LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

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Total square statute miles area dragged 0.41

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS:

Washington, D.C.

23 June 1948

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:

EXPRESS ADDRESS:

Commanding Officer To: USC&GS Ships PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI 418 P.O. Building Norfolk, Virginia

Subject: Wire-Drag investigation, reported obstruction-

- 1. You will make the necessary arrangements and complete a grangements and complete a grangement grangements and complete a grangement wire-drag investigation of a reported obstruction in Latitude 36° 57' 10", longitude 76° 10' 8". LST No. 980, whose draft is 12 feet, reported striking an obstruction in charted depths of 20 feet in this location.
- 2. This obstruction may be the box car referred to in a letter dated 31 March 1947 from the Supervisor, Southeastern District and which was unsuccessfully searched for by the Commanding Officer, Ships PARKER, BOWEN AND STIRNI during April and May 1947.
- 3. No definite limits of the area to be investigated will be specified, but an area of 0.5 mile radius from the reported position should be adequately covered by the wire drag.
- 4. When you have located the obstruction and determined the least effective depth over it, or have disproved its existence in this vicinity, you will advise the Supervisor, Southeastern District and this office, giving pertinent information relative to the investigation.

/S/ J.H. Hawley Acting Director.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS:

418 P.O. Building, Norfolk, Virginia

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:

24 August 1948

EXPRESS ADDRESS:

To:

The Director

U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

Washington, D.C.

Subject:

Special Report on Obstruction off Entrance to Little Creek, Va. Ref. My letter dated 6 Aug. 1948

Obstruction No. 5 (see referenced letter) has been cleared by a drag set to an effective depth of 15 feet.

Obstruction was hung by a drag set to an effective depth of 145 feet.

Above survey based on predicted tides at Hampton Roads, Virginia corrected for tidal difference.

/S/ A. C. Thorson Lt. Comdr. Comdg. Ships PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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To: The Director

U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

Washington, 25, D.C.

Subject: Special Report & (Preliminary) Reported Obstruction,

Little Creek, Virginia.

In accordance with your letter No. 22/MEK S-1-PK-BO-ST dated 23 June 1948, a wire drag investigation has been in progress during such times as weather conditions prevented wire-dragging on the outside coast. This investigation is not yet completed but the following preliminary report is submitted for your information.

The reported obstruction with 11 feet over it in Lat. 36° 57° 10° Long. 76° 10° 08° was not found, being cleared to $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

However, five obstruction were found in this area:

#1	Lat.	36-57-31	Hung	15] •
	Long.	76-09.78	Cleared	15*
#2	Lat.	36-57-38	Hung	14.
	Long.	76-09.45	Cleared	12*
#3	Lat.	36-57.70	Hung	17*
	Long.	76-08-93	Cleared	16'
#4	Lat.	36-57-55	Hung	16.
_	Long.	76=09.07	Cleared	15½'
#5	Lat.	36-57-73	Ḥ ung	15½ → 14 / Cleared 13
	Long.	76-08-54	Not Yot	Cleared 13'

The hangs and clears are based on predicted tides at Hampton Roads, Virginia corrected for tidal differences.

/S/A.C. Thorson, Lt. Comdr. Comdg. PARKER, BOWEN & STIRNI

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LIST OF SIGNALS

To Accompany

WIRE DRAG SURVEY H-7177 add. (Field No. P.B.S.-2248)

Triangulation Stations

LIT - Little Creek, 1929-39

LOOK - Little Creek C.G. Tower, 1941

Hydrographic Signals

Bil - Vol. No. 2

ADDENDUM

To accompany

WIRE DRAG SURVEY H-7177 add. (Field No. P.B.S.-2248)

This report covers that part of H-7177 W.D. done by Ships PARKER, BOWEN, & STIRNI during the 1948 season.

In several instances drag strips in record books show groundings where field notes only mention buoys towing under momentarily. As a buoy towing under does not necessarily denote a ground, these points were not regarded as such on the smooth sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh L. Proffitt

Cartographer

Morfolk, Va. Jan. 10, 1949

Approved and forwarded:

Earl O. Heaton

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Supervisor, Southeastern Dist.

TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

11 February 1949

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts: R. H. Carstens

Plane of reference approved in 3 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 7177 Ad. Wk.

Locality - Little Creek, Chesapeake Bay, Virginia

Chief of Party: A. C. Thorson in 1948
Plane of reference is mean low water, reading
3.6 ft. on tide staff at Hampton Roads (N.O.B.)
13.4 ft. below B. M. 6(1927)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.5 feet

NOTE: Allowance of -050 minutes was used to determine time of tide at working grounds.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E.C.McKay

Section
Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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H7177 WIRE DRAG Additional Work

Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NOH-7177.W.D. Ad. Wk.

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Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred		••••
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Junctions	Time	
Verification of soundings from graphic record	Time	-
Verification by	20 hrs.	Date 5. July 1949
Reviewed by Time	15hrs.	Date 8-23-49

DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-7177 W.D. Ad. Wk. 1948

FIELD NO. PBS-WD-2248

Virginia, Hampton Roads, Thimble Shoal Channel
Surveyed in March - June, 1948 Scale 1:20,000
Project No. CS-326

Soundings:

Control:

NJ Fathometer

Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - A. C. Thorson
Surveyed by - A. C. Thorson
Protracted by - A. Kaupa
Soundings plotted by - A. Kaupa
Verified and inked by - L. V. Evans
Reviewed by - I. M. Zeskind, August 23, 1949
Inspected by - R. H. Carstens

1. Scope

The purpose of this additional work was to determine the least depth over an obstruction reported in lat. 36° 57' 10", long. 76° 10' 08", in Ch. L. 467 (1948). The obstruction was disproved but additional obstructions were discovered to the northeastward. The additional work lies about 1/2 mile west of the 1947 wire-drag work.

2. Adjoining Surveys

No wire-drag surveys adjoin this additional work.

3. Comparison with Contemporary Surveys

H-7089 (1946) 1:10,000 and H-7090 (1946) 1:20,000

Present effective drag depths are in harmony with the soundings on H-7089 and H-7090 within the common area.

4. Comparison with Chart 481 (Latest print date 5/30/49)

A. Hydrography

Charted depths originate with the hydrographic surveys mentioned above. Present effective wire-drag depths do not conflict with charted depths.

The charted wire-drag clearances over obstructions originate with the present survey before verification. The following charted clearances have been revised and are superseded by those shown on the smooth sheet.

	Clearance	Chart Location			
Chart	W.D. Survey	Lat.	Long.		
12 16	11 15	36° 57.38° 36° 57.70°	76° 09.45' 76° 08.94'		

B. Aids to Navigation

There are no aids to navigation within the area of the present survey.

5. Condition of Survey

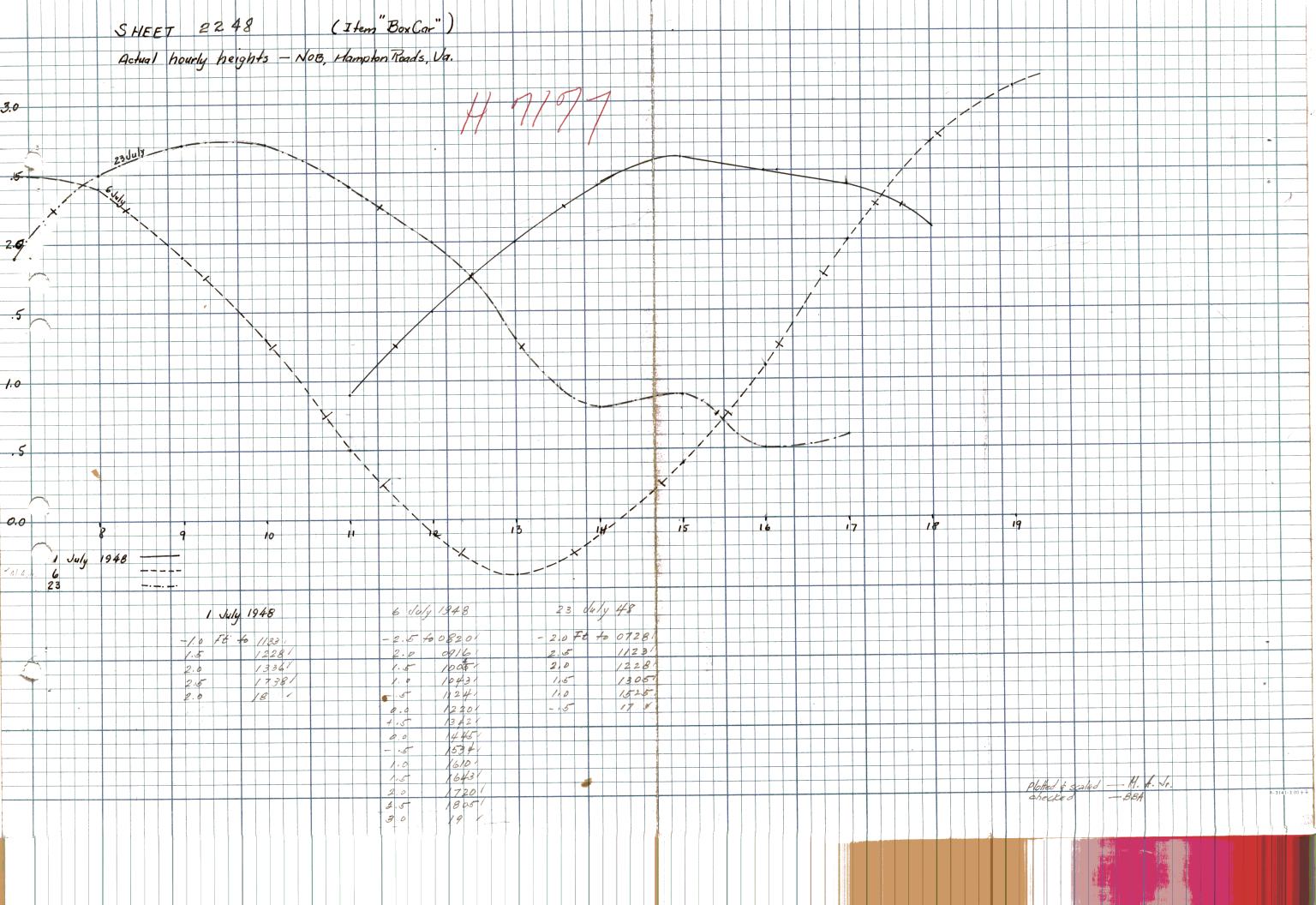
- A. The field records and Descriptive Report are complete and adequate.
- B. The smooth plotting is neat and carefully executed.

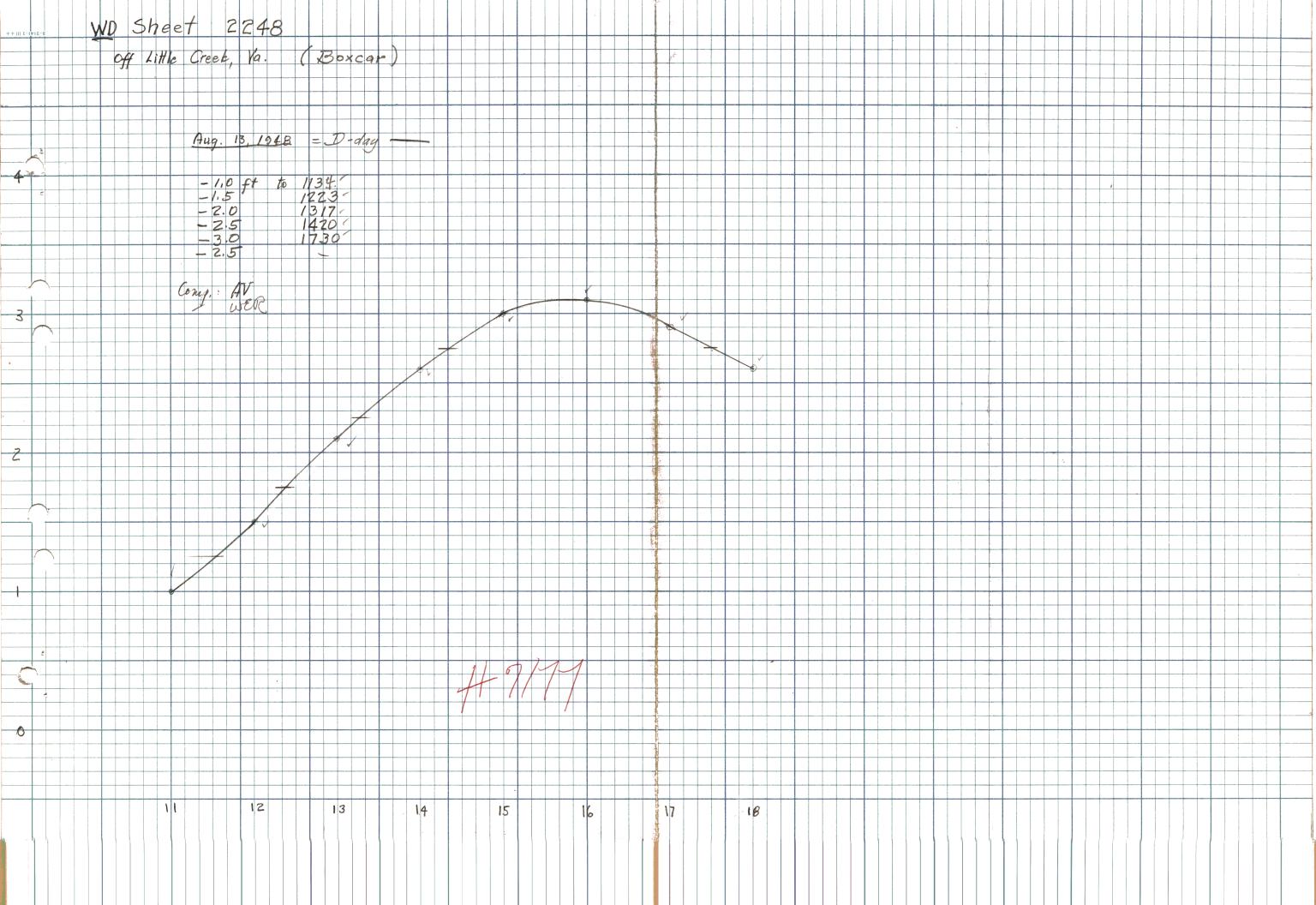
6. Compliance with Project Instructions

The present survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

7. Additional Field Work Recommended

No additional field work is recommended.





NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

SURVEY NO. H7177 add work

Record of Application to Charts

DATE	CHART	CARTOGRAPHER	REMARKS
1/4/19	78	Sams	Before After Verification and Review
4/14/49	481	Sa Mosam	Before After Verification and Review
12/28/49	/222	Risegani	-Before After Verification and Review
7-26-5-1	481	J. H. Eaton	Before After Verification and Review
8/10/56	481	Diethran	Before After Verification and Review
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